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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, and in accordance with the Oil & Gas Leasing Reform Act mandated in 2010, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain District Office (BMDO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of a proposed June 2018 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale.

The BLM received nominations for 166 parcels of public land to offer for leasing, totaling approximately 313,715 acres. The EA currently analyzes two alternatives; however, additional alternatives may be incorporated following the public comment period. The two alternatives analyzed are:

- **Proposed Action:** All 166 proposed lease parcels would be included in the June 12, 2018 Competitive Lease Sale. Appropriate stipulations and other resource protection measures are identified for each parcel.
- **No Leasing Alternative:** No Battle Mountain District parcels would be offered for lease sale in June 2018.

The EA can be viewed on the BLM NEPA Register Page at Goo.gl/LGbo2o. Written comments will be accepted until February 15, 2018 at 4:30 P.M. and can be submitted to the above address or to the Tonopah Field Office at P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049; or emailed to BLM_NV_BMDO_2018OilandGasLeaseEA@blm.gov. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions please contact Joy Fatooh, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (775) 482-7835.

Sincerely,

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